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ARRANGEMENT

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1. ECON/COMMERCIAL MINISTER SPOKE TO LOECK, HEAD

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OF EC SECTION OF ECONOMICS DIRECTORATE OF FOREIGN

MINISTRY ON DEC 30 ABOUT FRENCH SUPPORT FOR EC/
IRANIAN PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT. ECONOMICS
DIRECTOR HERMES AND HIS DEPUTY LAUTENSCHLAGER
WERE AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THIS COMING MONDAY LOECK
WILL MOVE INTO JOB AS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR
IN CHANCELLORY (REPLACING PER FISCHER) AND IS,
THEREFORE, IN A GOOD POSITION TO SEE THAT OUR VIEWS ARE
HEARD.

2. LOECK TOLD US THAT HE HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF
INCLUSION OF FRENCH SUPPORT IN FRENCH-IRANIAN
COMMUNIQUE. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE DURING EC DISCUSSION
OF IRAN THE FRENCH HAD NEVER SHOWN ANY SYMPATHY FOR
AN ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENT. ECONOMICS/COMMERCIAL
MINISTER TOLD LOECK THAT, SINCE THE FRG WAS WELL-
ACQUAINTED WITH OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS KIND OF
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, HE WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT
FRENCH ESPOUSAL OF ASSOCIATION WAS A CAUSE FOR SERIOUS
CONCERN TO US. HE ADDED THAT AS WE UNDERSTOOD
IT GERMANS HAD BEEN OPPOSED TO DANISH PROPOSALS EVEN
THOUGH THEY WERE PURSUING PREFERENTIAL IDEAS OF
THEIR OWN AND TO WHICH, AS HE KNEW, WE WERE ALSO
VERY MUCH OPPOSED.

3. LOECK EXPLAINED THAT IN EC DISCUSSIONS FRG
HAD, FOR DIPLOMATIC REASONS, NOT COME OUT DIRECTLY
OPPOSING ASSOCIATION, BUT HAD INSISTED THAT
ALL PROPOSALS HAD TO BE CAREFULLY EXPLORED. ON
CASEY SOAMES AGREEMENT LOECK SAID THAT HIS
UNDERSTANDING FROM A LEGAL VIEWPOINT WAS THAT
THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS NOT A TREATY BUT THAT THE FRG
FELT MORALLY BOUND TO RESPECT IT.

4. LOECK ASSURED US THAT THE FRG WAS FULLY AWARE
OF OUR SENSITIVITIES ON THE IRANIAN ISSUE AND SAID
THAT OUR VIEWS ON THE FRENCH DEVELOPMENT WOULD
RECEIVE THE FRG'S CAREFUL ATTENTION.

5. WE WILL ALSO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE ECONOMICS
MINISTRY, WHICH HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN IRAN,
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TO MAKE SURE THAT OFFICIALS OF THAT MINISTRY
FULLY UNDERSTAND OUR CONCERNS. CASH

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